

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

FIRE AT NEW ORLEANS.

A fire broke out yesterday in the lower part of New Orleans in the section known as Faubourg Marigny, and before the flames could be got under control, two squares, perhaps 30 or 40 houses, were consumed. Property to the amount of about \$200,000 was destroyed. The new theatre, about 300 feet long, and several buildings destroyed. The French population have been the chief sufferers.

VENTRILOQUISM.

Carlisle, Pa.—Last Saturday, being Market Day, as Mr. Rennie was walking up street, passing a store door, where there were a number of people standing he met a black man with a head of cabbage under his arm. He made a voice to come out of the cabbage like the squeaking of a young pig. The black fellow immediately looked at the cabbage to see if he had got a pig there; it again began to squeak, he threw it from him, as the cabbage rolled, the man became alarmed, and the man very much frightened, took to his heels, and ran a considerable distance before he durst stop, to the no small amusement of the spectators. When he came back and took up the cabbage, he held it at a long distance for some time, lest it should begin again. When he was told the meaning of it, he said, "Sassy, de devil was in de man."

FIGHTING AT NEMUR.

Brussels, Sept. 6.—A bloody combat has taken place at Nemur, among the troops composing the garrison there and lasted two days. It began in a public house, in a quarrel between some light horsemen and some miners. Several persons were killed or wounded.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

BUY BILLIARD ROOM.

Thomas Fitzgibbon and George B. Higgins have bought out the stock, fixtures, etc., of the billiard room lately kept by the "old veteran" Ralph Benjamin. They intend to have the tables, of which there are five, entirely re-fitted, and propose to make the room an all particulars of the first class. Mr. Gershon B. Habbell, the champion of the State, is expected to play a few exhibition games there this evening. During his winter, Messrs. Phelan, McDevitt, Humphreys, Weeks and other celebrities are to visit this city and show their skill in the "manipulation of the cue" in this room. The admirers of the game should call around and see the new firm.

WATERBURYANS TO PLAY HERE.

The first and second nines of the Waterbury baseball club of Waterbury, are coming here Tuesday, Sept. 26th, to play matches with the respective nines of the gallant and dashing Pe-

AMERICA'S FIRST NEWSPAPER.

Next Monday will be the 226th anniversary of the first newspaper published in America. This pioneer gazette of a continent which now supports nearly 30,000 publications was the project of Benjamin Harris of Boston, whose address was given as the London Coffee-House, and it was printed by Richard Pierce. The journal consisted of four pages, but only three were printed, one page being left blank so that personal messages might be written thereon. Each page was about 7 by 11 inches in size.

Benjamin Harris, the editor, referred to governmental and military matters in a way displeasing to the Boston authorities, who would seem to have been very tight of skin, and his journal was suppressed within 24 hours of the appearance of the first and last number. It was charged that Harris had printed "reflections of a very high nature," and he was forbidden to put anything in print without license first obtained from those appointed by the government to grant the same.

"Num. 1" of "Public Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestic," dated "Boston, Thursday, Sept. 26th, 1689," contained the following editorial announcement, which occupied the entire first page:

"It is designed that the Country shall be furnished once a month (or if any Gist of Occurrences happen often) with an Account of such considerable things as have arrived unto our Notice.

"In order hereto, the Publisher will take what pains he can to obtain a Faithful Relation of all such things; and will particularly make himself Subscribers to such Persons in Boston whom he knows to have been for their own sake the diligent Observers of such matters.

"That which is herein proposed, is, First, That Memorable Occurrences of Divine Providence may not be neglected or forgotten, as they too often are. Secondly, That people everywhere may better understand the Circumstances of Publick Affairs, both abroad and at home; which may not only direct their Thoughts at all times, but at some times also to assist their Business and Negotiations.

"Thirdly, That some things may be done towards the curing, or at least the checking, of that Spirit of Lying, which prevails among us, wherefore nothing shall be entered, but what we have reason to believe is true, repairing to the best fountains for our information. And when there appears any material mistake in anything that is collected, it shall be corrected in the next.

"Moreover, the Publisher of these Occurrences is willing to engage, that whereas there are many False Reports, maliciously made, and spread among us, if any well minded person will be at the pains to trace any such False Report, so far as to find out and Correct the First Raiser of it, he will in this Paper (unless just Advice be given to the contrary) expose the Name of such person, as a Malicious Raiser of a False Report. It is supposed that none will dislike this Proposal, but such as intend to be guilty of so villainous a Crime."

quonooks. The games will be played on the grounds in the Eastern district. That there will be interesting and scientific playing exhibited, there can be no doubt, when it is known the Monitors are an experienced club, and every one here knows the Pequonooks have no equal in this "burgh."

THE PROMENADE CONCERT.

Although the weather remained very inclement, there was a fair attendance at the Promenade Concert and Hop of Co. B, 23d Regt. N. Y. N. G., last evening. Fashion, and what is termed "style" preponderated. The easy and jaunty uniforms of the "boys in blue" being in strong contrast with the "make up" of our "nice young men" in white kids and exquisite "bob tails." It was by all means a most stylish and fashionable dressed public assembly that ever occurred in this "village."

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

WANTED—WINTER CLOTHING.

When Henry Hargraves opened up his tailoring establishment at 120 Crescent avenue, this morning, he found that he had been honored with uninvited visitors during the night. The condition of his stock showed plainly that his visitors had been on mischief. Cloth, clothing and various other articles were strewn about the place. An investigation showed that the burglars, although they ransacked the place, had taken two overcoats, two coats and two vests, the whole of which Mr. Hargraves valued at about \$75. These were the property of customers who had neglected to call for them. The burglars gained entrance through a rear window which they pried open. It is evident that they either did not care for, or were ignorant of the value of the cloth, in store for they could have easily removed goods to the value of several hundred dollars.

WANTS \$10,000 DAMAGES.

Sheriff Doolan served papers on the officers of the Bridgeport Traction Co. today in a suit brought by John Dolger, for Marie Dolger, who claims damages to the amount of \$10,000 for injuries received while riding on one of the cars of the defendant's Aug. 5.

PURITAN PICKED THEM UP.

James Esple, the barber in the Connecticut National Bank building, can thank his lucky stars that fish are not feeding on his body and that of his friend John Boltes. Both men live at 555 Main street and are fond of fishing. Yesterday afternoon they went to Stratford and hiring a boat went out to try their luck. When the boat had got a considerable distance from shore a stiff off shore breeze blew up and they were unable to make land. They were driven out into the Sound and late at night when their boat was in danger with the capsizing, were picked up by the Puritan of the Fall River line.

paragraph. It is probable that the scandal mongering and rumor bearers of Boston were greatly relieved by the suppression of the publication.

Under the head of "Thirty," the pioneer of American editors announced a policy which has ever since been adhered to by the great majority of later journalists. To print nothing that we have reason to believe is true, regarding the best fountain for our information," has been the purpose and practice of all succeeding newspapers worthy of the name; and a willingness to correct "any material mistake" has always been the policy of reputable journals.

Of course, there are those newspaper readers who will sneer at this alleged credibility of the contents of newspapers. Doubtless there were Bostonians who—after eagerly perusing "Public Occurrences"—disdainfully flung the little sheet aside and sniffed, "Aw, you can't believe anything you read in the papers." These scoffers have left a multitude of descendants. Usually they are people who beg or borrow their papers. The wise reader of today does not accept as the product of infallible wisdom everything he reads in the papers; but he knows that all successful and reputable journals strive constantly to give publicity only to that which they have reason to believe is true—and succeed amazingly well.

After the suppression of the Harris venture, nearly fourteen years passed before another attempt was made to establish a newspaper on this side of the Atlantic. John Campbell, the postmaster of Boston, was the editor and proprietor of this sheet, which was called the Boston News-Letter. The paper was "printed by authority," and it existed for 72 years. The first big "scoop" in American journalism was "pulled off" by the News-Letter in June, 1704, when a reporter was sent to write a "story" covering the execution of six pirates on Charles river. This pioneer reporter turned in an excellent story, the court that she lived most of the time working on a barge, was assessed \$10 and costs. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patterson, charged with frequenting, received a suspended 30 day jail sentence. Complaint was made by Stephen and William Lewis, who reside nearby.

Stratford House

— Raided By Police; Four Are Arrested

(Special to The Farmer.)

Stratford, Sept. 23.—State Police-men Anthony Fellows, aided by Deputy Sheriff E. Mills Tomlinson raided the house of George Burr on Lordship road last evening. Three inmates besides Burr were arrested. In the Stratford town court today Burr was charged with conducting a house of ill-fame and was fined \$25 and costs by Judge Howard M. Curtis. Margaret Cleary, a frequenter, who told the court that she lived most of the time working on a barge, was assessed \$10 and costs. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patterson, charged with frequenting, received a suspended 30 day jail sentence. Complaint was made by Stephen and William Lewis, who reside nearby.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word.

SMASHES WAY INTO WORMSER HOME TO DIE

Fifth Avenue Throng Sees Suicide Dive to Death Amid Servants' Screams.

New York, Sept. 23.—A fairly well dressed young man walked up the steps of the home of Mrs. Isidor Wormser, No. 836 Fifth Avenue, soon after 8 o'clock, last night and, drawing a stone from a pocket, hurled it through the glass of the vestibule doors. Immediately there was great commotion within and lights sprung up in every window.

Barbara Mudder, Lena Adderman, and Emily Essig, servants who were on the first floor, saw the man put his right hand through the broken pane to turn the lock, and screamed. Their cries did not deter him, and he entered. Meantime some one had blown a police whistle, and the thoroughfare immediately became congested with automobiles and persons who had been passing. Every household in the fashionable neighborhood had been alarmed and a dozen police whistles added to the excitement.

The man entered and walked leisurely from the first landing to the top floor, where he met Nicholas Heindorf, the butler. Heindorf seized him, but he showed no fight.

Came for Drink of Water.

"I only came in for a drink of water," he said. "I'm thirsty."

The butler led him to a side room, where he was seated, and engaged him in conversation, hoping policemen would arrive, but after a few minutes he started for a glass of water. As he stepped out of the room the unwelcome butler picked up a bottle on a dresser and calmly announced that he was going to kill himself.

The maids overheard his remark and screamed louder. By this time all the police whistles in the homes of all the wealthy persons in the neighborhood were sounding.

Heindorf ran to the man and tried to seize him. He broke away, rushed to a window facing Fifth Avenue and, without a word, dived to the sidewalk, landing on his right side as many autoists looked on and screamed.

"Thirsty" His Only Explanation.

At this juncture Policeman Lohmeyer of the Arsenal station arrived. The intruder was unconscious and the policeman called the river of a passing wagon and hurried him to Presbyterian hospital. It was found that he was suffering from fractures of both hips, internal injuries and contusions. He became conscious, however, and said he was Thomas Kenny, of 115 Willow avenue, the Bronx.

"Why did you enter the house?" he was asked.

"I was thirsty," he answered.

After he had rested for a short time the police began to question him again, but he steadily grew worse and died at 10:10 o'clock.

The police believe Kenny was weak-minded.

Mrs. Wormser is the widow of the banker. She is out of the city and the house is in charge of servants.

MILITIA OFFICERS ON BORDER GIVEN JOLT

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 23.—Wives of militia officers who are here, those on the way to this city and those who have been planning to join their husbands here have received a disappointment.

Announcement was made at the headquarters of the Bay State artillery regiment that General Bell had declined to permit militia officers who planned to establish temporary homes in this city to live out of camp.

A number of the Massachusetts militia officers have brought their wives here, while the wives of others are on the way. Some of the officers have already hired bungalows and have started housekeeping. Others were to follow suit. Several of the more well to do enlisted men had similar plans.

It was hoped by the militia officers that they could get permission to live in their homes, which were to be not far from their camps, after evening's duties were over, and be absent until reveille each morning.

HONEST GIRL GETS LOT.

Cincinnati, Sept. 23.—Beatrice Bunting, 14 years old, of South Fort Thomas, Ky., has been presented with a lot 50 by 150 feet by Blair P. Wilson of Huntington, W. Va., a capitalist.

Beatrice was blackberry picking when she found what she thought was a piece of glass. She saw Wilson inspecting some grading and showed the "glass" to him. The instant Wilson saw the "glass" he felt his lot. He found his diamond stud valued at \$375 missing. "I've lost my diamond; let me see what you found," he said.

The piece of "glass" was his diamond. "I am a lucky man to get it back so quickly, and you are a lucky girl to find it," he said to Miss Bunting. "I'm going to give you one of these lots."

SEC. LANSING'S FATHER DEAD.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Gen. William F. Lansing, former quartermaster of the state, and father of Secretary Lansing, died at his home at Little Falls today. He was born in 1856.

HUGHES WON'T LET MANAGERS CUT SPEECHES

Behind Schedule, Insists on Talking As Long As He Wants.

South Bend, Ind., Sept. 23.—Indiana politicians of the "local reception committee" type played havoc with the itinerary of Charles E. Hughes on the second day of his tour through the Hoosier State. They bobbed up at each of the thirteen places where the Presidential candidate was scheduled to speak. An extra Pullman had to be provided for them, and the Hughes special thus became so heavy that it steadily lost time, making the candidate late for all his meetings.

Because of this, the Indiana managers repeatedly attempted to limit Mr. Hughes' speeches, but this the candidate would not stand for. "Those people turn out," Mr. Hughes said, "because they want to hear me," and with one exception Mr. Hughes did what he desired at each point. At Elwood, where the special was due shortly after 11 o'clock, and arrived forty-five minutes late, the Presidential candidate had barely stepped out on the rear platform of his private car when the train began to move. Word was sent to stop again, but without result.

Mr. Hughes had uttered just thirty-five words, the shortest speech of his campaign, when the growing expanse of rails and ties between his platform and the crowd made further talk useless.

Hughes Was Out Short.

"Fellow Citizens," the Presidential candidate had said, "there is only a moment to say a word, and that word which I desire to say is this: That we are all together for American prosperity and American rights throughout the world."

The crowd cheered, but before Mr. Hughes could say more the train was on its way to Tipton.

Addressing a good sized crowd at Frankfort early yesterday afternoon, Mr. Hughes displayed signs of annoyance.

"When I was told a few minutes ago," he said, "that it would be impossible for me to leave the train, and I got a glimpse from the car of this throng, or of those on the outskirts of it, it seemed to me that trains would have to wait for candidates, and we would just try to see if we have a little patience of our own."

A few minutes later, however, Mr. Hughes evidently resigned to the situation, smiled as he observed: "Oh, well. The Lord loveth a cheerful candidate."

Aside from these annoyances, the Republican candidates had a satisfactory day. He was hailed over six different railroads, and his day's route looked on the Indian map as it had been cut out with a jigsaw. He was greeted by crowds estimated at from 50,000 to 60,000. They displayed evident interest in seeing him, and liberally applauded his speeches.

The Republican candidate said little of the special protection. His thirteen speeches. He continued his advocacy of a protective tariff, asserting that present prosperity is only temporary and must cease when the European war ends. His speeches were well received in Muncie, Kokomo and other manufacturing centers, in which he especially talked protection.

Speaking in Marion late yesterday afternoon, Mr. Hughes read from a memorandum:

"In February, 1914, in Cincinnati, there were 22,851 experienced machinists out of employment; there were 11,200 mechanics and helpers out of employment. Soup houses were established. Of the eighty-six manufacturing industries there were eight working 80 per cent of full time; thirty-eight were working 64 per cent; ten were working 25 per cent; and thirty out of eighty-six were closed down entirely. In New York city 300,000 were out of employment, and in every city of the land the question was how to relieve those conditions."

Mr. Hughes charged that the Underwood Tariff Law was responsible for these conditions.

Robins Met Candidate.

Raymond Robins, Illinois Progressive leader, spoke several times with Mr. Hughes. Introducing the Republican candidate at Muncie, Mr. Robins described himself as one of the Progressives who "was on the bridge when the ship went down," and added:

"I regard today the candidate of the reunited Republican party as the best expression of tempered, measured and considerable social and economic progress that has ever led a dominant party in the history of this Republic."

Mr. Robins was compelled by the Indiana crowds to divide attention with James E. Watson, standard candidate for United States Senator, who spent the day with the Hughes party. Watson was the floor leader of the Old Guard at the Chicago convention of 1912, when the steam roller flattened out Col. Roosevelt's candidacy for the Republican nomination.

Mr. Hughes was greeted by 15,000—the largest crowd he had found in any of the cities visited recently. A

night meeting had been arranged in front of the court house, but when he found he was expected to make an outdoor speech Mr. Hughes balked. He spoke for a minute to the big crowd and went to an indoor meeting at the high school, where he talked on general issues. Frank H. Hitchcock joined the candidate here.

Poor Honoring Victims of War

London, Sept. 23.—The poor people living in some of the districts of London have invented a simple way of honoring their men folk who have gone to the war. In each street they hang a roll of honor on a convenient wall, and each roll is kept freshly garlanded with flowers by the women and children.

Queen Mary heard of the custom and made a tour through South Hackney, the district in which the custom originated, in order to show her approval of what the poor people were doing. The queen found the streets which she proposed to visit so thronged with women and children that she stopped her car, got out and talked and shook hands with scores of the poor people who crowded about her. To each roll of honor she visited she pinned a flower.

"You're a mother yourself, Queen Mary," said one woman, "and you've sent boys to the war. So you know how mothers feel, and I suppose that's why you are here?"

"I know," said the queen, smiling, "and that is why I am here. How many sons have you got out at the war?"

"Four, your majesty," said the queen.

"Keep a brave heart," said the queen.

This visit of Queen Mary to poorer London is one of the many delightful ways in which on her own initiative she has come into contact during the period of the war with the lives of the humblest of King George's subjects. She takes pains to recognize how great are the sacrifices which the poor are making for their country.

Ready to Begin Work on Fireman's Display

An enthusiastic meeting of the committee of the Firemen's Sick Benefit association, which will produce the spectacle, "Fighting the Flames," at Avon field, Stratford avenue, Saturday, Oct. 14, was held last evening. Dick Ferris, the director of the spectacle, was present. Miss Florence Stone, the widely-known actress, who will direct the women in the spectacle, has arrived in Bridgeport ready to begin her work.

The committee for the Bridgeport firemen is President John A. Leonard of the fire board; Commissioner John H. Taggart, Chief Engineer Daniel E. Johnson, Assistant Chief George F. Beardsley, Captains Edward Foley, C. W. Holden, T. F. Broderick, A. T. Platt and Samuel West, Superintendent of Fire Alarm Arthur E. Platt and Hydrant Inspector Frank Noonan.

Neglected, She Jumps Into Pond

Neglected by her husband, who it is alleged not only to have failed to contribute to her support, but squandered weeks of the wage his wife earned by working in a factory, Mrs. Joseph Bernard, 29 years of age, of 238 Hewitt street, in a fit of despondency drowned herself by jumping into Bruce's pond yesterday afternoon.

She leaves motherless an eight-year-old daughter, Agnes, who has not been told of her death.

Frank Parsons, an employee of the Trumbull Motor Car Co., who saw the woman throw herself into the pond, quickly divested himself of his coat and plunged in after her. He brought the body ashore and the emergency hospital ambulance corps was summoned, but Dr. J. P. Casavan found life extinct on his arrival, at the scene.

Mrs. Bernard lived with her father, Patrick Fleming. He alleges that the girl was driven to suicide by her husband, to whom the young woman, weekly gave the wage she earned working in the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. factory.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MEMBERS ACTIVE

All departments of the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church will open tomorrow. During the summer the various rooms have been renovated, several new teachers have been added to the staff and everything is ready for the return of the boys and girls.

The older departments have been in session for several weeks. The Men's class meets in Presbyterian hall. The men will have their opening social night next Thursday. They will have a banquet which will be prepared and served by the men themselves.

Another pair of bowling alleys has been procured for the hall and arrangements are already under way for a Brotherhood bowling league. A gymnasium class for men and an indoor baseball league are among the plans for the winter.

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STRATFORD
(Special to The Farmer.)

Stratford, Sept. 23.—Miss Catherine Dahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Dahl of Huntington road, was tendered birthday party last evening in honor of her 20th birthday anniversary at the family residence. Miss Dahl was the recipient of many beautiful and costly gifts. Among them was an ivory manicuring set, a toilet set and a signet ring. The evening was spent in playing games interspersed with vocal and instrumental selections. Luncheon was served. Those present were: The Misses Laura Jensen and Catherine Yack of New Jersey; Miss Marian Fenton, Miss Gladys Fenton, Miss Marian Hart, Miss Florence Lemley, Miss Elsie Werner, Miss Ethel Groshans, Miss Jessie Prain, Miss Lillian Botsford, Miss Catherine Dahl, Miss Emma Botsford, Miss Irma Lamphear, and Messrs. George Kuehn, Robert Messner, Clarence Jago, Oliver Smith, Allen Hunsford, William Bethel, P. Murdock, Louis Jensen, Victor Dahl, Edwin Lemley, Thomas Prain, Henry Clausen, Edward Beach, Louis Berger, Clinton Roberts, William Hamby, Rev. Mr. Carler, Horace B. Knox, William Ballou and Mr. and Mrs. C. Larsen.

At the Stratford M. E. church, Sunday, Rev. Ernest C. Carpenter, the pastor, will preach morning and evening. Topic of the morning, "Keeping Out of Moral Debt." In the evening, "The Duty to be Happy." The first Sunday night in October Mr. Carpenter will begin a series of sermons on "Christianity as Applied to the Practical Problems of Life." This will probably take most of the Sunday nights until the New Year. An effort will be made to give the sermons quite a "rent character" from those of the morning, and make it worth while for those who have not been accustomed to get out Sunday night to come.

The Public Service Commission awarded to Kaufman & X Carrey of New York the contract to install track on the main portion of the Culver Rapid Transit Railroad in Brooklyn. The contract price is \$103,630.

SPECIAL SALE OF FERNS AND PALMS.
JOHN RECK & SON

HUGHES MAKES SIX SPEECHES.
South Bend, Ind., Sept. 23.—Charles E. Hughes today closed the second week of his middle western campaign trip. He left South Bend this morning to fill a program that called for six speeches and an address to-night at Indianapolis.

CAPITAL RECORDS 'QUAKE.
Washington, Sept. 23.—An earthquake disturbance estimated at about 2,300 miles distant from Washington was recorded today on the seismograph at Georgetown University. The shock lasted from 12:49 to 1:20 this morning and was moderate in intensity.

Roy Wise, a special officer of the Erie Railroad, was killed when an automobile in which he was riding was struck by an Erie Railroad train at Cambridge Springs, Pa.

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